Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU :—"In his report, the Collector says that where the bunds are irrigated by percolation, they are charged separately. So, when there is no separate wate-rrate for the field itself, how can there be a separate water-rate for the plantains and trees on the bunds when they were irrigated by percolation ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I have said again that they have charged half the wet assessment."

Panchayat Forests

Forest panchayats in Kurnool district.

* 1267 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, in reference to answer given to question No. 960 on 29th November 1928,—

(*a*) whether he has received the report called for ; and

(*b*) if he has received it, whether he will be pleased to lay it on the table ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The report called for has not been received yet.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member is prepared to expedite the answer to this question, so that I may have it at the next meeting ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"A reminder has been sent ; I shall see a special reminder is sent."

Public Service

Maintenance of registers under the Tottenham Scheme.

* 1268 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Board of Revenue have passed an order on what is called the "Tottenham Scheme" under which no Revenue office need maintain any register showing the receipt or despatch of papers and if so, to what effect ; and

(*b*) whether under the scheme any officer keeping any register like that referred to in (*a*) would be punished ?

A.—(*a*) No such order has been passed.

(*b*) The scheme nowhere prescribes punishment for maintaining registers. Apart from the scheme the maintenance of unauthorized registers to the neglect of prescribed ones might in certain circumstances be a fault meriting punishment.

Reforms

Evidence before the Simon Commission.

* 1269 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of the officers who are appearing before the Simon Commission on behalf of the Government of Madras ;